

### **365.1 NETWORK AND INTERNET RESPONSIBLE USE AND INTERNET SAFETY POLICY FOR STUDENTS**

The Wisconsin Rapids District Network (WRDN) and the Internet represent powerful educational resources, which allow users to locate, use, and place information on the Internet. The school district network, with Internet access, computers, and software is an educational tool provided by the District for use by District staff and students. The term WRDN will be used to refer to all electronic equipment such as, but not limited to, all wiring, equipment, software, computers, connections, and services owned, leased, or contracted by the District to support educational and/or administrative functions.

#### **Restricted Uses**

Use of these resources is a privilege and not a right. The District reserves the right to restrict or terminate WRDN or Internet access at any time. The District has the obligation to monitor all network activity to maintain the integrity of the WRDN and ensure adherence to District policies. Users of the WRDN should not assume that information stored and/or transmitted is confidential or secure. WRPS declares unethical and unacceptable behavior just cause for taking disciplinary action, revoking District network and Internet privileges, and/or initiating legal action for any activity through which an individual:

- Uses the WRDN for illegal, inappropriate, or obscene purposes, or to support such activities. Illegal activities shall be defined as a violation of local, state, and/or federal laws. Inappropriate use shall be defined as a violation of District policies, or uses inconsistent with educational or professional purposes. Obscene activities shall be defined as a violation of generally accepted social standards for use of a community owned and operated communication system;  
(For a full definition of obscene material or performance, reference Wisconsin Statute section 944.21.)
- Uses the WRDN in a manner that violates contractual or license agreements, copyright, or other intellectual property rights;
- Disrupts or disables the WRDN;
- Degrades or disrupts equipment, software, or system performance;
- Uses WRPS technology resources for personal or financial gain or fraud;
- Uses the WRDN for a commercial enterprise or political lobbying unless specifically authorized by the District;
- Expends District resources for personal use;
- Steals data, equipment, or intellectual property;
- Attempts to gain unauthorized access to others' files or vandalizes the data of another user;
- Attempts to gain unauthorized access to resources;
- Attempts to bypass the District firewall and/or web content filter(s);
- Breaches security by sharing and/or using unauthorized passwords, working from network accounts that are not assigned to the user, forging electronic mail messages, or posting anonymous messages;
- Sends messages that may be discriminatory, harassing, or offensive to others, or material that defames an individual, company or business, or discloses personal information without authorization;
- Invades the privacy of individuals;
- Saves information in unauthorized areas;
- Modifies school district equipment by downloading or installing unauthorized software;
- Modifies school district equipment by changing hardware, software, or settings without authorization;  
or
- Possesses any data which might be considered a violation of these rules in paper, digital, or any other form.

## Consequences of Violations

Consequences of violation by students include but are not limited to:

- Suspension or revocation of Internet access, network privileges, and/or computer access;
- Disciplinary action as described in school handbooks and/or Board policy;
- School suspension;
- School expulsion; or
- Legal action and prosecution by the authorities.

## Remedies and Recourses

Individuals accused of any of the violations have all the rights and privileges as stated in ~~the~~ school district policies and contractual agreements. **WRPS Policy 365.1 Rule – Network and Internet Responsible Use and Internet Safety Guidelines for Students** has been developed to further detail this policy. Please refer to this document for additional information.

**LEGAL REF.:** 120.13(1) Wisconsin Statute  
943.70  
944.21  
947.0125  
Children’s Online Privacy Act (COPPA)  
Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA)  
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

**CROSS REF.:** 347, Student Records  
361, Instructional Materials  
361.1, Library Materials  
361.1, Exhibit 1 - Library Bill of Rights  
365.1, Rule, Network & Internet Responsible Use and Internet Safety  
Guidelines for Students  
411, Student Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment  
411.5, Bullying

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